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SUBJECT: JNR LABOR DISPUTE

REF: TOKYO'S A-725

1. DORO (JNR LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER'S UNION) CARRIED OUT SPOT STRIKES AND SLOWDOWNS ON SEPT. 25 AND 26 TO PROTEST MANAGEMENT'S 140,000 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST UNION MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE APRIL SPRING STRUGGLE STRIKES. CURRENT STRIKES, WHICH DISRUPTED RAIL SERVICE THROUGH MUCH OF JAPAN, ENDED AFTERNOON OF SEPT. 26 WHEN UNION AND MANAGEMENT REACHED AGREEMENT ON MINOR PROBLEMS AND NEW JNR PRESIDENT FUJII PROMISED TO STUDY MORE BASIC ISSUES IN A "FOREWARD LOOKING WAY". MINISTRY OF LABOR REPORTS THAT INFORMAL AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED ON REDUCING PUNISHMENTS BUT THAT THIS WILL NOT BE PUBLICIZED. THERE WAS NO REPETITION OF THE COMMUTER VIOLENCE THAT OCCURED DURING THE APRIL RAIL SLOWDOWNS.

2. COMMENT: FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE OF DORO AND CONCILLIATORY POSITION OF NEW JNR PRESIDENT FUJII HAVE GENERATED SOME PRESS COMMENT THAT LONG STANDING JNR LABOR MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS MAY BE ON WAY TO FUNDAMENTAL IMPOROVEMENT. JNR PROBLEMS ARE INEXTRICABLY ENTWINED WITH PUBLIC SECTOR STRIKE RIGHT ISSUE, HOWEVER, AND UNTIL THAT PROBLEM IS SOLVED, DISPUTES ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE.
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